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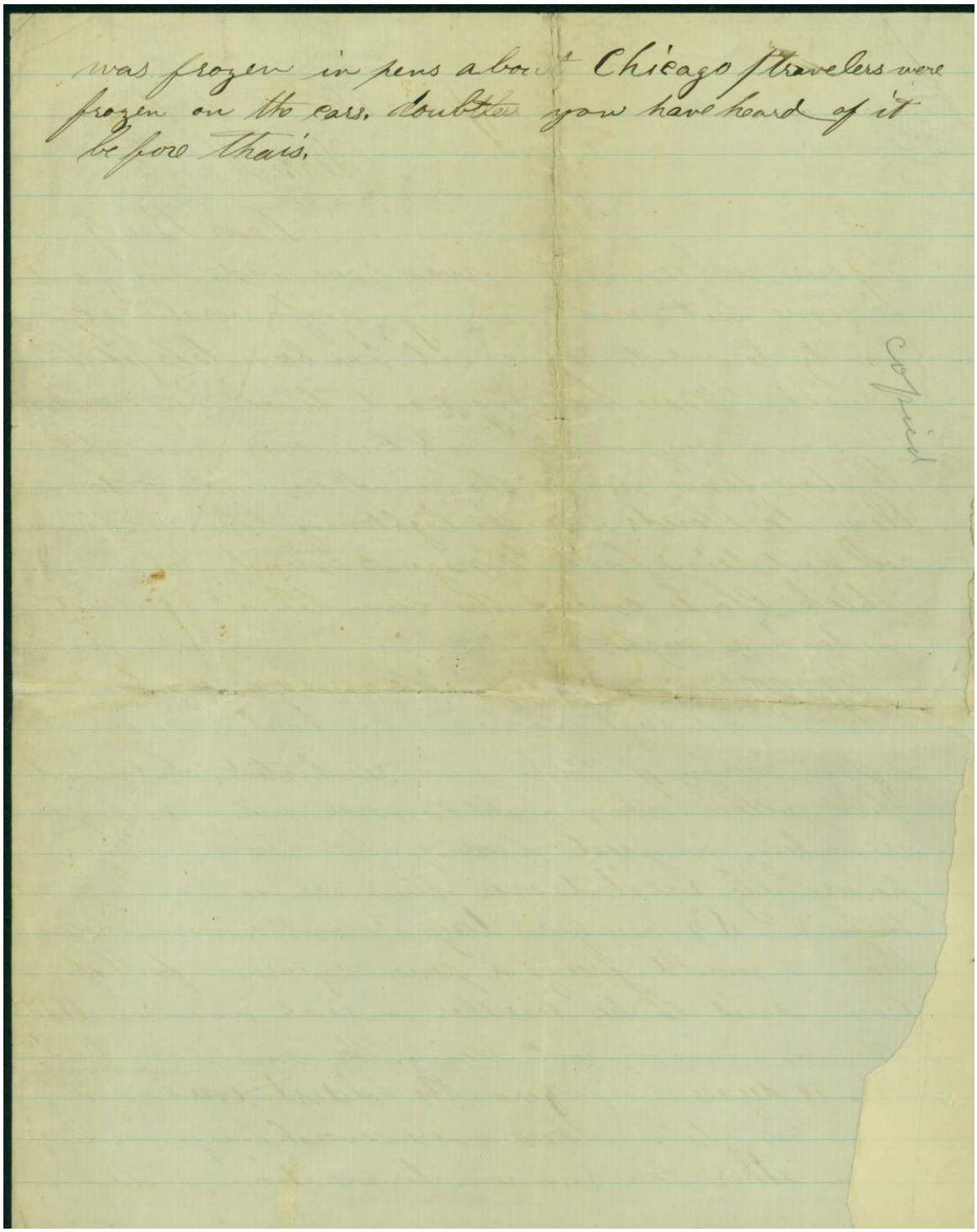
Tomorrow morning we are looking for the 31st Ind Regt to be in here hard as a great many of them have reenlisted, but cannot tell wether they will come or not. The people are making a great fixing for them they powerfully excited over their arrival.

On new years day the weather was so cold that it would freeze a persons eyebrows full of frost and lashes together in such a manner that it was inconvenient seeing. the mark in the thermometer was 24 degrees below zero the coldest ever known in this stat. there were several frozen in their beds. others too numerous to mention. stock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